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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2019

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local School Foods  
5 Expansion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICALLY**  
2 **GROWN UNPROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETA-**  
3 **BLES.**

4 Section 6(f) of the Richard B. Russell National  
5 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(f)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
7 “PILOT PROJECT FOR PROCUREMENT OF” and in-  
8 serting “PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMES-  
9 TICALLY GROWN”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “conduct a pilot project”  
12 and inserting “carry out a program (referred to  
13 in this subsection as the ‘program’)”;

14 (B) by inserting “domestically grown” be-  
15 fore “unprocessed”; and

16 (C) by striking “more than 8” and insert-  
17 ing “less than 15”;

18 (3) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-  
19 pears and inserting “program”;

20 (4) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding  
21 subparagraph (A), by inserting “domestically  
22 grown” before “unprocessed”;

23 (5) in paragraph (5)—

24 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
25 “RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING” and in-

1           serting “RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, AND  
2           EVALUATION”;

3           (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4           (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at  
5           the end;

6           (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-  
7           riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8           (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
9           lowing:

10           “(iii) the challenges and opportunities  
11           presented by the program in the State.”;  
12           and

13           (C) by adding at the end the following:

14           “(C) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

15           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2  
16           years after the date of enactment of this  
17           subparagraph, the Secretary shall evaluate  
18           the impact of the program, including with  
19           respect to—

20           “(I) the quantity and cost of  
21           each type of unprocessed fruit and  
22           vegetable procured by each State  
23           under the program;

24           “(II) the benefit of the procured  
25           unprocessed fruits and vegetables to

1 school food service in each State, in-  
2 cluding the benefit to meeting school  
3 meal requirements; and

4 “(III) the economic impact of the  
5 program on agricultural producers in  
6 the State.

7 “(ii) REPORT.—Not later than 4  
8 years after the date of enactment of this  
9 subparagraph, the Secretary shall submit  
10 to the Committee on Agriculture of the  
11 House of Representatives and the Com-  
12 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-  
13 estry of the Senate a report that describes  
14 the results of the evaluation conducted  
15 under clause (i) and an analysis of that  
16 evaluation.”; and

17 (6) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(6) FUNDING.—

19 “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is ap-  
20 propriated to carry out this subsection  
21 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
22 through 2024.

23 “(B) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-  
24 priated under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal  
25 year, \$10,000,000 shall be reserved for States

1 selected under the program under paragraph  
2 (1) to carry out the activities described in sub-  
3 paragraph (C)(i).

4 “(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TECHNICAL  
5 ASSISTANCE.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The funds re-  
7 served under subparagraph (B) shall be  
8 used—

9 “(I) for the administrative costs  
10 of carrying out the program; and

11 “(II) to provide technical assist-  
12 ance and outreach to vendors to be-  
13 come certified to participate in the  
14 program.

15 “(ii) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Of the  
16 funds reserved under subparagraph (B),  
17 each State selected under paragraph  
18 (3)(A) shall receive not less than \$300,000  
19 for each fiscal year during which the State  
20 participates in the program.”.

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